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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: OKUNO et al.

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For: RAILWAY CAR

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Examiner: F. Jules

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 15, 2004

Sir:

The Interview Summary for the telephone interview conducted on February 9, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. This Interview Summary sets forth that the undersigned was notified of what the Examiner considered to be existing informalities which rendered the independent claims unclear; and that authorization was given by the undersigned to the Examiner to correct the claim language by Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner's Amendment as set forth in Item 1 on pages 2 and 3 of the attachment to the Notice of Allowability enclosed with the Notice of Allowance mailed February 13, 2004.

The undersigned confirms that proposed amendments to claims 6, 24 and 25 were discussed during the aforementioned telephone interview. These proposed amendments as discussed were approved by the undersigned (William L. Solomon, not William L. Solomon). These proposed amendments are for the most part set forth in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the aforementioned Notice of

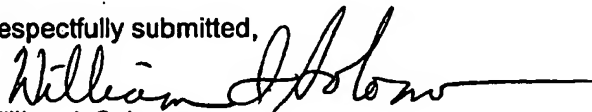
Allowability (for clarification, not that the copies of the Notice of Allowability sent to the offices of the undersigned does not indicate an Examiner's Amendment attached thereto, notwithstanding that the Notice of Allowability did in fact include such Examiner's Amendment).

However, amendments to claim 24 are being filed concurrently herewith, in an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, further amending claim 24 consistent with the understanding of the undersigned as to the agreement reached by the undersigned with the Examiner during the aforementioned telephone Interview on February 9, 2004.

In summary, the undersigned respectfully confirms the telephone Interview conducted on February 9, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application, and respectfully confirms the substance thereof as set forth in the Interview Summary enclosed with the Notice of Allowance mailed February 13, 2004. As for the specifics of the Examiner's Amendment, not set forth in the Interview Summary, Applicants agree for the most part with the substance thereof, disagreeing with some changes to claim 24 as discussed in the concurrently filed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 648.41258X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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